



Talking Transfers

The Office of Transfer Services
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Welcome to the Fall 2018 edition of *Talking Transfers!* Appalachian's Office of Transfer Services publishes this newsletter each semester to ensure our community college partners stay abreast of important news and updates, as they relate to students transferring to Appalachian. In this edition, we will highlight the following:

- Appalachian's Fall 2018 Transfer Class
- Admission reminders
- Distance Education information
- Important updates to the NCCC Transfer Guides

I hope you find the included information helpful as you assist prospective Appalachian transfer students.

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Appalachian's Fall 2018 Main Campus Transfer Class

1278 New Transfer Students

73% of transfer students live off campus

28% of transfer students have general education met

73% of transfer students come from a community college

40% of transfer students are first-generation college students

49 average credits transferred to Appalachian

86% retention rate

Top Transfer Community Colleges

Wake Technical Community College
Central Piedmont Community College
Caldwell Community College
Catawba Valley Community College
Wilkes Community College

Transfer Guide Redesign

The 2018-2019 transfer guides are available on the Office of Transfer Services website and can be found at www.transfer.appstate.edu/transferguides

These guides have been reformatted to a one-page document and include specific transfer information for each major. Guides are listed alphabetically by major and previous guides have been archived for continued access. An automatic redirect from the previous website is coming, but please utilize the link above to update any links to your website.

Join us at the NC Community College Conference!

Matt Huntanar, Jump Start Coordinator, and I will be presenting at the NC Community College System conference this month. Please join us Tuesday, October 9th at 8:15am (concurrent session VI) as we provide a holistic perspective of Appalachian's transfer practices and services:

***Putting the Puzzle Pieces Together:
Transitioning from Community College to
University***

Admissions Corner

The spring, summer and fall 2019 application is open, and admission is off to a great start. Here are a few quick reminders and updates to assist you with students who want to be Mountaineers!

Suggested Dates to Apply: Our suggested dates are still in effect. For all terms, we admit students until the classes are full and it's typical to extend past the suggested dates.

- **Spring** - October 15
- **Summer and Fall** - February 15

Decision Timeframe: 2-4 weeks after the application is complete

Fall Transfer Scholarships: Students are now able to access the scholarship application in their MyMountaineer portal after applying for summer or fall of 2019. Deadline to apply is March 15, 2019

Events on Campus: We have a variety of ways for students to connect with Appalachian State: Open House, Transfer Track & Community College group tours.

Admissions details: Our admissions criteria is the same. Have an admissions question? Please contact Jayne Dowdy, transfer admissions counselor at dowdy@appstate.edu or 828-262-2860.

Distance Education: 2019 applications for Distance Education programs are now open.

Distance Education at Appalachian offers students the opportunity to get a high-quality education that moves with their lifestyle, wherever and whenever. The on-line and off-campus undergraduate programs include business, communication, health care and education. All programs can be located at distance.appstate.edu.

New for 2018-2019

- The Undergraduate Elementary Education program is offering an accelerated part-time option that students can finish in three years. Students will take two evening courses and one course every other Saturday per semester at either the Appalachian Center at Hickory or the Appalachian Center at Burke. Professors will blend face-to-face and video conferencing instruction methods.
- The new Workforce Education and Development undergraduate program is transfer friendly and offers classes in areas such as corporate training, business management, information technology, finance, organizational development, consultation and total quality management.
- On the graduate side, a new certificate in Appalachian Studies is ideal for those wanting a greater understanding of the questions that shape the Appalachian region. Dive deep into Appalachian folklore, music and sustainability with the largest repository of Appalachian books and journals in the world.

Transfer Student Spotlight

My name is Victoria Branch. I am a Chemistry major with a concentration in Forensic Science with a minor in Criminal Justice. I am from Boone, North Carolina but moved to Florida to attend Valencia Community College and realized after a year and a half it was not for me. I moved back to Boone and finished my associate's degree at Caldwell Community College and transferred to Appalachian in Fall of 2017. My first semester was slightly challenging as I was too stubborn to get myself involved and would just go back home after classes. I didn't start getting actively involved until late in the semester and I wish I would have done it sooner. The Office of Transfer Services (OTS) offers a volunteer position as a Transfer Student Mentor and I thought that position would be a perfect way for me to get involved. Now I am a Transfer Student Mentor and am able to help transfer students just like me alongside 13 other mentors! I knew I wanted to do more with transfer students so I got involved with the Transfer Student Organization (TSO) and am currently the President of the club. Lastly, I became a member of the Forensic Science club and am currently the Social Chair. Now that I have gotten myself more involved on campus I am much happier and am realizing that transferring to APP was the best decision for me!

